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IN RE: **Patent Application Serial No. 09/815,830**  
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TRACKING PERFORMANCE OF SUPPLIERS IN A SUPPLY CHAIN  
MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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